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SUBJECT: KUWAIT OIL UPDATE -- MARCH 27, 2003

REF: KUWAIT 1101 AND PREVIOUS

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1. (U) Press reports on 3/27/03 confirm that efforts to extinguish fires burning in the Rumaila field in southern Iraq were abandoned on Tuesday, March 25, due to poor weather conditions, and added that joint efforts of the Kuwaiti Oil Company (KOC) firefighting team and U.S. contractor Boots and Coots were expected to resume today. The leader of the KOC team, Aisa Bou Yabes, said that all fires could be doused within ten days to two weeks.

2. (U) Separately, a spokesman for the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) said that 17 oil wells in the Ratqa field in northern Kuwait had been reopened to produce 24,000 barrels per day (bpd). The spokesman, Sheikh Talal Al-Sabah, said the remaining 22 wells would be reopened "gradually." Sheikh Talal added that once the Ratqa field was fully on line, KPC would consider reopening the Abdali field, also shut in at the onset of the conflict.

3. (C) Following is unedited data set received from Kuwait Petroleum Corporation afternoon of 3/27/03. Explanatory comments follow at para 2.

Begin Report

Kuwait Petroleum Corporation  
Daily Crude Production  
All figures in bbls

This report covers activities from 0500 3/26/03 to 0500 3/27/00

Total Kuwait  
Production 2,441,022

KOC Proper:  
South East: 1,366,693  
West: 352,218  
North: 415,856  
Total: 2,134,767

Wafra Joint Operations:  
R/B to KOC 144,311  
R/B to KNPC 0  
R/B to SAT 150  
R/B total 144,461  
Eocene 23,294

KGOC:  
Khafji 120,500  
Hout 18,000

KEC Receipt 2,259,442 (API 30.6, Salt PTB 25.0)  
KEC Stock 6,481,010  
KEC Ullage 7,712,721

End Report

4. (C) Explanatory Comments:

Wafra Joint Operations refer to onshore concessions in Saudi-Kuwait divided zone operated by Saudi Arabian Texaco (SAT). R/B refers to the two producing reservoirs -- Ratawi and Burgan.

KOC is Kuwait Oil Company  
KNPC is Kuwait National Petroleum Corporation

KGOC is the Kuwaiti successor to Arabian Oil Company (AOC), which previously operated a concession in the offshore portions of the Saudi-Kuwait divided zone -- AOC still operates the fields under a service agreement.

KEC refers to Kuwait Export Crude, the country's export blend. Salt PTB refers to pounds of salt per thousand barrels of crude oil.

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